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## **Sen. Kuipers proposes monument honoring former President Ronald Reagan**

**LANSING** – Sen. Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland, today introduced legislation that would create a state commission to raise money for a memorial monument to former President Ronald Reagan, who died June 5.

“As Americans remembered when he was buried this month, President Reagan helped our country defeat the evil of Communism and renew optimism in the future,” Kuipers said. “Because of him, the specter of a corrupt, oppressive regime with nuclear-tipped missiles pointed at us no longer exists and millions of Eastern Europeans are free to choose their own destiny. Under Reagan’s leadership, America increased personal liberty, economic opportunity and national pride.”

The memorial monument commission would have as members the state treasurer, attorney general and secretary of state, or their designees, as well as seven members appointed by the governor. Two members each would be recommended by the Senate majority leader and speaker of the House. An additional member would be recommended by the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation.

The commission would oversee the design, location and construction of the monument. It would solicit plans for the monument and select a final design.

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